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Statement of attacks and deaths from cholera in Madras from week ending 10th November 1928 to 9th February 1929.

				Attacks.	Deaths.
Week ending	10th November 1928	...	...	48	21
Do.	17th Do.	...	...	41	31
Do.	24th Do.	...	...	32	15
Do.	1st December 1928	...	...	33	15
Do.	8th Do.	..	...	11	6
Do.	15th Do.	...	...	28	6
Do.	22nd Do.	...	...	6	4
Do.	29th Do.	...	...	1	1
Do.	5th January 1929 ...	...	...	6	2
Do.	12th Do. ...	...	...	4	3
Do.	19th Do. ...	...	...	1	...
Do.	26th Do. ...	...	...	4	1
Do.	2nd February 1929	...	...	1	4
Do.	9th Do.	...	...	2	...
		Total	...	218	109

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 1919 asked by Mr. A. B. Shetty at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 26th March 1929, page 865 supra.]

Copy of letter from the Secretary to the Physical Education Committee, to the Secretary to Government, Law and Education Department, dated 1st *October* 1928.

I have the honour to report that Government Memorandum No. 2184-B-1, Education, dated 20th September 1928, was considered at the meeting of the Committee on Physical Education held on 22nd September 1928 and I am to reply as follows.

2. The Committee are grateful to Government for the information contained in G.O. Mis. No. 2126, Revenue, dated 12th September 1928, but are unable to understand the purpose for which it was communicated.

3. The necessity for providing a new playing-field for the schools dispossessed or for the restoration of the old one is obvious, but the Committee cannot think that Government expect them to go round Madras in search of new playing-fields for this purpose.

4. The Committee are gravely discouraged by the news. They have been asked to submit to Government proposals for the provision of playing-fields and while their deliberations as to the best and surest manner of securing this end are proceeding they are confronted by the news of the resumption by Government of valuable playing-field acquired with much difficulty by a previous Committee. They feel that the same fate may await the results of their labours and that events will prove their deliberations to have been a mere waste of time and their recommendations fruitless. In the opinion of

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the Committee no claim is of more importance than that of the provision and preservation of suitable open spaces for playing-fields and no consideration save that of urgent and pressing public interest should deprive schools of existing fields.

5. The Committee also notice that whereas in G.O. No. 985, Home (Education), dated 16th September 1916, the land in question was placed at the disposal of the Education Department, the present reappropriation is made by the Revenue Department and on the proposal of the Collector of Madras. Presumably the land cannot be resumed from the Education Department without its consent and they find it difficult to believe that the Education Department is prepared to sacrifice the cause of playing-fields so lightly.

6. Further in paragraph 9 of G.O. No. 1448, Education, dated 18th December 1911, it is distinctly stated that the institutions will be allowed the use of the sites 'so long as the object of alienation is kept up'. In the light of this undertaking the schools cannot in the opinion of the Committee with equity and propriety be deprived of their playing-fields.

7. The Committee would record their emphatic protest against the action of Government and would strongly urge that the playing-fields be restored to the schools.

Letter from the Secretary to Government, Law and Education Department, to the Secretary, Physical Education Committee, Madras, dated 22nd October 1928, Ref. No. 2393-B-1.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, in which the Committee on Physical Education urge reconsideration of the orders of Government directing resumption of the site used as a play-ground by the pupils of the St. Bedes and San Thome High schools. In reply, I am to say that the decision to use the site for another purpose has been arrived at by Government only after every consideration had been paid to the claims and needs of the schools and that the Government regret that they are unable to reconsider it. I am to add that G.O. No. 2126, Revenue, dated 12th September 1928, was communicated to the Committee in the hope that special consideration would be paid to these schools in any allotment of playing-fields that the Committee might wish to propose.